

**THE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF KANSAS**

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Before Commissioners: Mark Sievers, Chairman
Thomas E. Wright
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State Corporation Commission
of Kansas

In the Matter of the Application of Grain)
Belt Express Clean Line LLC for a Siting)
Permit for the Construction of a High)
Voltage Direct Current Transmission Line in) Docket No. 13-GBEE-803-MIS
Ford, Hodgeman, Edwards, Pawnee, Barton,)
Russell, Osborne, Mitchell, Cloud, Washington,)
Marshall, Nemaha, Brown, and Doniphan)
Counties Pursuant to K.S.A. 66-1,177, et seq.)

NOTICE OF EX PARTE COMMUNICATION

1. On June 28, 2013, Grain Belt Express Clean Line LLC (Grain Belt Express) filed a Petition Initiating Docket for purposes of opening a docket and obtaining a docket number assignment in advance of its filing of a transmission line siting application to be filed with the Commission on July 15, 2013.

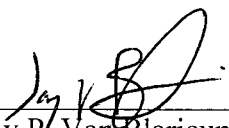
2. On July 2, 2013, Commission Chairman Mark Sievers received an email from Matt Goddard, an individual in the Kansas Governor's Office (GO). The email included as an attachment a pdf file of a one-page economic impact study from Grain Belt Express with a handwritten question dealing with where transmission lines may be sited. Mr. Goddard's email asked Chairman Sievers if he could respond to the question. In a reply email, Chairman Sievers answered the question with a short description of the process, procedures, and factors involved in a transmission line siting case.

3. Neither Grain Belt Express nor the GO requested that the Commission take any action nor did they make any inappropriate statements about any open docket before the Commission. However, to the extent that discussions of the factors involved in a line siting case

may be relevant to an open docket, out of an abundance of caution, Advisory Counsel gives notice of the communication, pursuant to K.S.A. 77-545(b) and K.A.R. 82-1-207.

4. All parties to these dockets are informed of the communication and are afforded a reasonable opportunity to respond. K.A.R. 82-1-207.

Dated: July 10, 2013



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From: Mark Sievers
Sent: Wednesday, July 03, 2013 9:00 AM
To: Brian Fedotin; Jay Van Blaricum
Cc: Dana Bradbury
Subject: FW: Grain Belt Express Clean Line Project
Attachments: 20130702111325818.pdf

Not sure who is handling the Clean Line case ...

Do I need to file this as potential ex parte communication in the case?

From: Mark Sievers
Sent: Tuesday, July 02, 2013 11:31 AM
To: 'Goddard, Matt [GO]'
Subject: RE: Grain Belt Express Clean Line Project

Hi Matt –

Yes, the lines can be sited along the edge of fields or along roads. The process is that the company surveys where it wants the lines to run, contacts landowners to determine whether any changes are feasible and then submits the route to the Commission for final approval. There are scores of meetings with landowners and the public leading up to the final siting decision and route modifications are very common to accommodate buildings, roads, irrigation equipment, oil equipment, etc.

Mark Sievers

From: Goddard, Matt [GO] [<mailto:Matt.Goddard@ks.gov>]
Sent: Tuesday, July 02, 2013 11:24 AM
To: Mark Sievers
Subject: Grain Belt Express Clean Line Project

Mark –

I've attached a one-pager on the project listed on the subject line. Can you answer the question the Governor wrote?

Thanks,
Matt

[Confidentiality notice:]

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Thank you.

Economic Impact Study of the Proposed Grain Belt Express Clean Line Project

Kansas Highlights

The attached report estimates the construction of the Grain Belt Express Clean Line itself will – when we include the manufacturing of inputs to the line such as structures, wire, and real estate services – result in the creation of approximately 2,340 jobs per year for three years in Kansas.

In addition, the Grain Belt Express Clean Line will result in the creation of an estimated 296 permanent jobs stemming from operations and maintenance of the line, including 135 permanent jobs in Kansas.

Fiscal impacts would also be substantial. During the three-year construction phase, individual income tax receipts, corporate income tax receipts, and sale tax receipts could average a combined total of \$6.76 million per year in Kansas.

Regarding the new wind farms that would serve the line, it is estimated that the Grain Belt Express Clean Line could support as many as 33,618 manufacturing supply chain jobs in Kansas, Missouri, Illinois and Indiana during the construction phase and would result in the creation of approximately 528 permanent operations and maintenance jobs at those associated wind farms in Kansas.

Mark S -

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Can these lines go on the edge
of fields rather than down
the middle?

Sam

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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I, the undersigned, hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing Notice of Ex Parte Communication was served by electronic mail this 10th day of July, 2013, to the following parties who have waived receipt of follow up hard copies:

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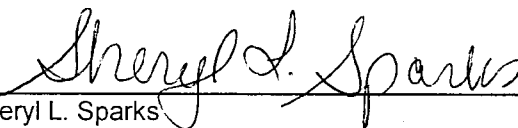
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